

5. (Amended) ~~[Structure]~~ A structure according to Claim 4, respectively comprising an HDPE layer, [a] said layer of [the] binder [of the invention], either a layer of EVOH or of an EVOH alloy or a polyamide or polyamide-based layer, a second layer of [the] said binder [of the invention] and an HDPE layer.

6. (Amended) [Rigid] ~~A rigid~~ hollow [bodies consisting] body made of a multilayer structure according to [any one of Claims 3 to 5] Claim 3.

Claim 7, Line 1: Delete "Petrol" and insert --A gasoline--.

Please add the following new claim:

-- 8. A multilayer structure comprising a layer comprising the binder of claim 2, directly attached to said binder, a layer (E) selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen-containing or oxygen-containing polar resin, a layer of polyamide resin, a layer of an aliphatic polyketone, a layer of a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (EVOH), a layer of a polyester resin, and a metal layer.--

#### REMARKS

A principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiply dependent claims and fee associated therewith, Applicants reserving the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

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